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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

DAVID S. DIME *et al.*

Application No.: 09/367,794

Filed: August 19, 1999

For: SITE-SPECIFIC DRUG
DELIVERY

Examiner: Tu, Stephen

Art Unit: 1653

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition for a 3-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 16, lines 14-20 of the specification, with the following amended paragraph:

Many drugs that modify protein function bind with dissociation constants of about 100 nM to 10 μ M. Optimally, the anchoring groups bind the chosen unique domains with about 100-fold higher affinity than the drugs bind to their targets. Therefore, the binding affinity of the anchoring groups will control localization or binding of the drug to the target protein and